

March on Washington

Schedule of Events

U.S. Holocaust Museum

Friday, April 23, 8:30 pm. Commemoration of Gay and Lesbian Victims of the Holocaust in connection with the dedication and opening of the new U.S. Holocaust Museum. Raoul Wallenberg Place, 15th Street and Independence Avenue SW (Smithsonian Metro Stop).

Shabbat Services

Friday, April 23, 8:30 pm. Congregation Beth Mishpachah at National City Christian Church, 5 Thomas Circle NW, Massachusetts Avenue and 14th Street (MacPherson Square Metro Stop).

Havdallah and Music Program Celebration

Saturday, April 24, 8 pm. Sponsored by Bridges, Jewish Feminist Group. Location to be announced.

The March

Sunday, April 25, noon. Call Howard Goldberg (621-6034) or Simon Glinsky (648-0554) for details of meeting time and place for CSZ contingent.

Home Hospitality

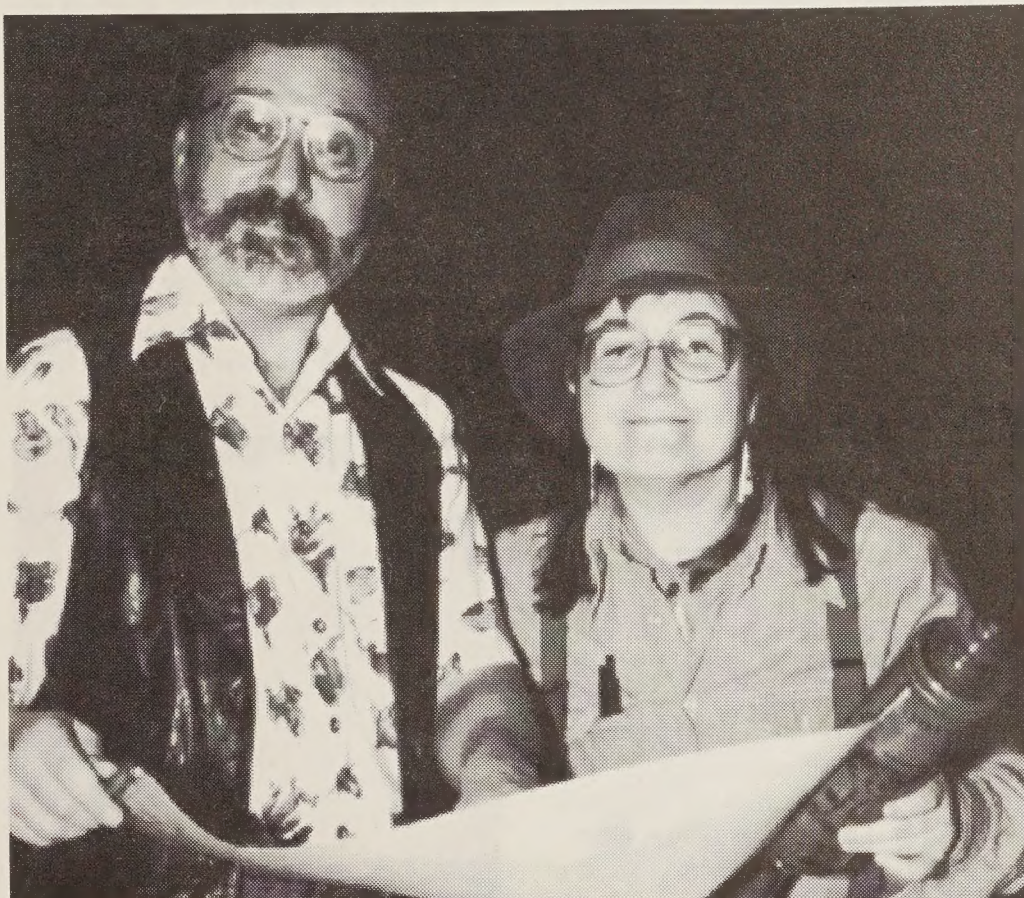
For information regarding home hospitality through our sister congregation Beth Mishpachah, call: Michael David Garbus (202/387-2170)

Preschool Children's Chavurah Passover Celebration

Join us for our potluck Passover brunch. All families and their friends are welcome to attend. Matzoh and beverages will be provided.

The potluck will be held on Sunday, April 4 from 11 am to 1 pm at 1400 McGee, in Berkeley.

For more information call: Alita (510/526-2394) or Jody (510/655-6850)



Megillah Madness was marvelous. More memories inside. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL BETTINGER

Help Wanted

CSZ Sponsors Women's Health Conference

Plans are moving ahead for the May 23 Women's Health Conference, *Our Jewish Bodies*, to be held at Golden Gate University in San Francisco. Registration materials should reach you shortly.

We need everyone's help to make this area-wide event the kind of success that will bring distinction to our congregation and to the larger gay and lesbian community. We especially welcome men to work with us to put this conference together.

The day-long conference will include focused workshops and panels on a range of health issues: chronic disease; cancer; lesbian health; sexually transmitted diseases; mental health; and menopause. Plenary speakers will include Judith Cohen, Sandy Butler and Laurie Zoloth-Dorfman,

who will challenge our concepts of women with AIDS, breast cancer, and healing, and give us a perspective on how Jewish ethics affect women and health.

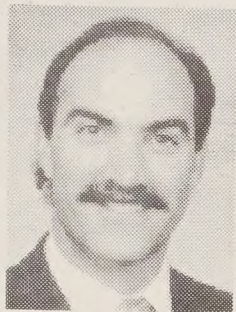
Our Jewish Bodies was inspired by the enormously successful Jewish Women's Conference held in 1992 in San Francisco. That conference was unique in bringing together women from broadly diverse communities, traditions, lifestyles and generations. In sponsoring *Our Jewish Bodies*, Sha'ar Zahav will continue to celebrate and reflect this diversity and bring greater attention to health concerns of our community.

Plan to attend, but more than that, plan to help out. No matter what your skills, we need you. Call 510/482-3740 to volunteer.

URGENT! Education Committee Desperately Needs Help (See page 4)

On Growth and Change at Sha'ar Zahav

There's a standing joke around the congregation that if anything is done twice in succession at Sha'ar Zahav it becomes a tradition. If that were really true, we'd be so tradition bound that there would be little opportunity for trying anything new. The truth, I think, is quite different. The Sha'ar Zahav of 1993 is not the Sha'ar Zahav of 1988 or certainly of 1977. We have changed, not only in size, but in governing structure, governing process, staffing, ritual, budget, membership, program, and impact on the larger Reform Jewish community. These changes have sometimes come gradually, sometimes in dramatically short time, sometimes with joyous consensus, sometimes with painful dissension, and always with much hard work, effort, and heartfelt commitment.

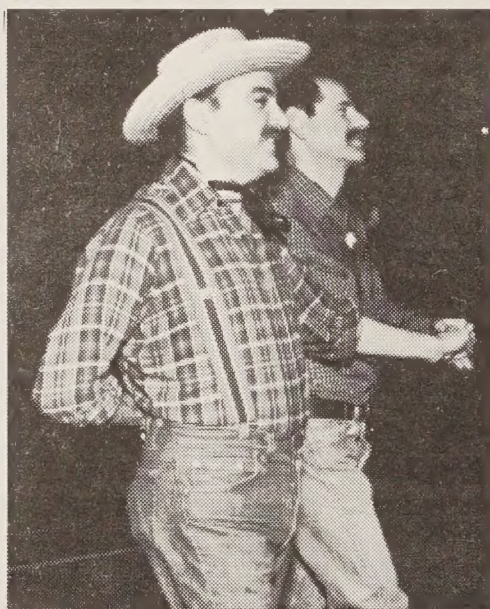


Allan Gold

Two recent events provide excellent examples of how change occurs nowadays at Sha'ar Zahav. Over the years, we have developed our own forums for discussions of policy and philosophy, including our summer "Advance" and mid-winter "mini-Advance." In addition, for the last 10 years or so, we have participated in Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) Regional and National Biennial Conventions. These provide us with an opportunity to dialogue with other congregations, gaining ideas from them and passing on our important messages of consciousness-raising, as well as our many successful governance procedures and innovative liturgy. I think it is important for our general membership to understand how these two meetings—the Advances and the Biennials—come to impact and change our synagogue life. So, I'd like to share with you some of the topics discussed at our February mini-Advance and the February UAHC Regional Biennial in Monterey.

Our mini-Advances and Advances are usually attended by 35 to 40 officers, Va'ad members, committee chairs, and other past, present, and hopefully future active and involved members. These sessions are used either for train-

ing in current synagogue procedure (e.g. how to prepare a budget), or for lengthy discussion and exploration of values and philosophy, leading ultimately to policy decisions at the Va'ad level for staffing, program, finances, or our mission. No decisions are made at the Advances which consist mainly of discussion and exploration. This recent mini-Advance provides a good example of the variety of topics that we discuss. At the most concrete level was brief training on how to request funding during the year for items that were not budgeted. Over the years we have



tried to develop procedures to honor checks-and-balances without becoming overly bureaucratic, and trying to help facilitate people's understanding and following of these procedures. Another topic was discussion of the priorities for the about-to-be-hired Program Coordinator. This discussion provided the Personnel Committee and Va'ad with ideas from everyone on how this new position is to be defined and developed. High among priorities were coordinating new social programming, helping with existing social programming, developing new special interest (e.g. singles) and Chavurah programs, and educational programming.

Another topic discussed was our continuing difficulty with our onegs. As part of leadership training, and following our emphasis on value-based decision-making, we brainstormed about our values around onegs. It became clear that socializing and food were impor-

tant to us all. Having determined that in clear consensus, we proceeded to identify the main problems: lack of recognition, adequate funding, people-power and energy, ownership and pride. From there we began to develop ideas for how to address the problems, and the officers, Va'ad, office administrator, and current Oneg Committee members will be working on these. This was a perfect example of how change occurs through values clarification, problem identification, and solution development.

Our final topic for the mini-Advance was the beginning of what will be a one-to-two-year process to explore and define the role of non-Jews in the synagogue. The impetus for raising this issue came from numbers of sources: financial, ritual, and the changing demography in all Reform Jewish congregations. At our Advance last summer, we had discussions on bisexuality and children, which became very emotional and touched numbers of participants deeply. We found that we had not provided nearly enough time to fully explore people's feelings, so this time we made it quite clear that we were only beginning our discussions of non-Jews in the synagogue. Don Albert led two hours of discussion and exercises (provided by UAHC) to help us define our own attitudes and comfort levels about participation by non-Jews in many different aspects of synagogue life. To our credit, the participants were open, thoughtful, and respectful, and I think and hope that the non-Jewish participants at the mini-Advance felt not only included, but also appreciated for their commitment to Sha'ar Zahav and their willingness to be part of a potentially difficult and emotional process. We will continue our discussions of this topic at the summer Advance and no one knows yet if or when any policy changes might be made. Indeed, nothing may change, but the leadership of Sha'ar Zahav wants to acknowledge and address our changing membership and needs in as careful and loving a way as possible. It is through this thoughtful attention to process that Sha'ar Zahav, in my experience, demonstrates its greatest strength, and why I am certain that we will continue to grow and develop in healthy ways.

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Shushan, Texas?

A colorful array of hats and boots, hamentashen, chaps, groggers, and costumed revellers filled the gym of the San Francisco Jewish Community Center on Saturday, March 6, when members of Sha'ar Zahav, their friends and family, celebrated Purim "country and western style." Nearly everyone got into the spirit of the evening by showing up in costume. Besides enough cowpersons (?) to fill a Clint Eastwood movie (or the film *Desert Hearts*, your choice), there were a wide variety of costumes, including: a member of the royal family of a little-known South Sea Island kingdom, visiting dignitaries from the Torah, an unidentifiable but lovable house pet, at least one visitor from the Middle East, and of course those "hash-slinging heart-throbs"—the Lott Sisters, who nearly stopped the show when they made their "fashionably late" entrance during the reading of the Megillah.

The evening began with a spirited and humorous Megillah service led by Daniel Chesir and Dana Vinicoff, who not only took us through the story of Purim, but also reminded us "there is a time to be butch, and a time to refrain from being butch." Following the service, nearly everyone lined up to partake of the Megillah Madness repast which included lavash sandwiches, dolmas, devilled eggs, figs, red licorice, ambrosia, fresh fruit, bean salad, cheese and crackers, pita, hummus, tabouli, olives, spanikopeta, and without a doubt, the greatest collection of hamentashen ever assembled at a Sha'ar Zahav event. (The hamentashen judges were warned not to eat too much before arriving so that they would have enough room to sample all the entries in the bake-off!).

The bulk of the evening was spent square dancing. Almost everyone got onto the dance floor at some point in the evening and joyfully followed the instructions of renowned square dance caller Andy Shore. Square dance novices and experts alike whirled around the dance floor in intricate patterns made by "eight-person squares." High points of the evening included awarding the raffle prize and prizes for best hamentashen and best costumes and watching the Foggy City Dancers Performance Troupe (including our own very pregnant Tiela Chalmers!) dazzle us with their fancy footwork.

So much extraordinary talent went into planning and producing Megillah Madness, there are a multitude of people to thank and hopefully no one was overlooked. Many thanks to all who contributed and attended, helping to make this year's Purim party an unmitigated success.

Special recognition is given to the following:

Administrative support: Mark Pressler

Childcare coordination: Emily Tinch

Clean-up: Jeff Friedman, Michael Gitt, Allan Gold, Howard Goldberg, Sharon Heath, Lisa Katz, Ron Lezell, Nathan Robinson, Eric Temple

Contest judges:

Hamentashen: Pam Erwin and Jeff Foreman

Costumes: Paul Cohen and Carolyn Pines

Contest prize coordinators: Jeff Foreman, David Jackson, Sylvia Weisenberg

Contest winners:

Best hamentashen: Judy Heiman and Martha Moon's "Heimoontashen"

Honorable mention: Sylvia Weisenberg's "Achy Breaky Hamentashen"

Best country and western costume: Susan Unger and Pam Erwin as Annie Oakleywitz and Tevye Tex

Best Bible story costume: Clint Bigglestone and Sarah Goodman as Moses and Miriam

Best original costume: Lane Schickler and Ivan Vincente as Iona Lott and Ineda Lott, the Two-Step Sisters

Raffle: Eve Stone

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Advisors: John Hale (JCC), Todd Taubman-Walker

Food:

Coordinators: Jo Hill, Peter Maslan, Donna Rabinowitz, Nathan Robinson

Additional donations: Steve Elman, Howard Goldberg, Josh Lee, Matt Levine, Carolyn Pines, Judy Schwartz, Mark Taubman-Walker

Servers: Ben Brody, Gene Eichenbaum, Tova Green, Jo Hill, Peter Maslan,

Donna Rabinowitz, Leo Soloduka, Larry Wexler

Beverage Sales: Evan and Ida Kuluk

Shopping assistance: Leslie Caplan, Mark Pressler

Advisors: Shelly Eisenman, Shirley Liberman, Carolyn Pines, Mark Taubman-Walker

Hamentashen bake-off entrants and entries:

Michelle Auerbach, "Esther's Indulgence"

Paul Blanc, "Sweet and Sour"

Henry Carrey, "Hop Mayne Hamentashen" and "Bubbe Freyde's Hamentashen"

Paul Cohen, "Malka's Hamentashen"

Nancy Facher and Glen Wolkenfeld, "Esther's Ecstasy and Vashti's Revenge"

Allan Gold, "Elijah's Early Hamentashen"

Tova Green, "Taste of Spring"

Judy Heiman and Martha Moon, "Heimoontashen" and "Vulva Cookies"

Jo Hill, "Hamentashen from the Bean Queen"

Andy Ingall, "Emy Lou Jewesses Down Home Hamentashen"

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Committee Corner

In this issue of the *Jewish Gaily Forward*, our Volunteer Coordinator introduces a new column to alert CSZ members and friends about committees needing particular help. If you want to volunteer with these or any other committees, please call Robin Leonard at 386-7876.

Adult Education. Don Alberth has ably lead the Education Committee for more than a year. He, and the rest of the committee, however, have moved on to other synagogue activities. If we want a regular schedule of classes, lectures, forums and other educational activities for the adult members of the congregation, we need new volunteers *desperately*.

Archives. For several years, we have been looking for volunteers willing to weed through and organize the many file folders filled with notes, photographs and other materials documenting CSZ's history. The older we get (we'll be 16 this summer), the more stuff there is to go

through. If you're a librarian, a Virgo or an organized person of another profession or astrological sign, consider this the job for you.

Children's Chavurah. Jody Adelberg, with the help of Simon Glinsky, recently put together the first program for pre-Kadimah aged kids—three to five years old. Jody would like to have at least quarterly, if not monthly, programs. If you like working with pre-school children, please lend a hand. Male non-parents are especially encouraged to get involved.

Newsletter. Rick Wilson has been JGF advertising coordinator since 1988 and wants a break. Who can blame him? It's well deserved. But being the responsible guy he is, he won't step down until someone else takes over. It's easy and he's got all the paperwork down pat. If arranging ads for the JGF isn't your thing, how about helping out stuffing the *Forward*? It's usually done the last Thursday of the month.

Oneg. Here's a committee that needs people for discrete tasks. First, we need two volunteers to help set up and clean up onegs the fifth Friday of each month—there are only about five a year. Second, we have people to set up the first, second, third and fourth Fridays of the month, but we need a pool of backup help. Third, we need someone to keep an eye on the kitchen inventory.

Women's Chavurah. This May, the Women's Chavurah is putting on a Women's Health Conference. People are needed to help out with all aspects of the conference—registration, publicity, securing speakers and the like.

Rainbow Clinic Opens at UCSF

A new clinic at the University of California, San Francisco opened March 1 to provide pediatric services to the children of lesbian and/or gay parents.

"Our goal is to provide high quality pediatric services as well as a variety of resources," said Dr. Tamar Gershon (who played Gidget in "A Mah Jongg Chanukah"), a fellow in behavioral and developmental pediatrics at UCSF. "Along with medical care, we will address the psychosocial needs of lesbian and gay parents and their children."

Called the Rainbow Clinic, the new service is open alternate Monday evenings with urgent care and telephone advice integrated into the Faculty Practice, a 24-hour service. The clinic is located at the UCSF Ambulatory Care Center building, 400 Parnassus Ave., second floor, in the Department of Pediatrics. The number for appointments is 476-6410.

"Lesbian and gay families face specific kinds of stress and challenges that are better addressed in a clinical setting that is sensitive," Dr. Gershon said. "Whether the children are getting a routine checkup, coping with illness or needing support, it is important that their doctor understand the challenges they face."



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March Va'ad Report

The March Va'ad meeting opened with a *D'var Torah* which Rabbi Kahn had graciously faxed to us from Massachusetts. Not surprisingly, the message dealt with the meaning of Purim. Purim can be seen as a movement from covert deeds to overt deeds. Disguises gradually unravel. Public personas are in conflict with innermost secrets. All of the major characters: the King, Vashti, Esther, Mordechai, and even Haman (hiss, boo) have secrets which come to be exposed during the course of the Purim tale.

Much of the evening was devoted to lengthy discussions focusing on CSZ financial matters. President Allan Gold expressed his concern that responses to the building assessments have not been as high as expected. It was the Va'ad's consensus that we try to collect as much of the assessments as possible. Statements will be sent along with dues notices, and there will be a date by which payment will be requested. There was some discussion concerning the concept of the payment being used as a requirement for the furnishing of High Holiday tickets, but the Va'ad took no action on this possible course of action.

The financial discussion continued with the Va'ad's carefully reviewing the proposed 1993-94 budget for the congregation. Gary Sokol and Brett Trueman were on hand to answer the many questions posed to them. Some of the questions: How can we increase the pushke revenues? Tiela Chalmers, Lisa Katz, and Steve Unger will study the problem. We have budgeted for dues income from an anticipated number of new members. Is this projection accurate? Can we increase the *Jewish Gaily Forward* advertising revenue, and decrease the printing costs? Do we see Chanukah or Purim as our main holiday-related social event of the programming year? There is a budget deficit for Kadimah. How did it get this way, and what can we do to alleviate it? Is the Gift Shop budget reasonable? Are the projected cemetery expenses reasonable? By how much should the oneg funding be increased? By the time we concluded this portion of the meeting, the Va'ad was prepared to offer its budget preparation services to the Clinton Administration.

Ed Pollock, the chair of the Bylaws Committee, spoke to the Va'ad about two proposed bylaws changes. The first would

add the position of assistant treasurer, and the second would change the makeup of the Dues Committee. The bylaws changes passed, but will have to be voted upon once again at the next meeting.

The issues of our property insurance and liability coverages had been discussed over the course of recent meetings. At this meeting, the Va'ad voted to increase our deductible for the property insurance, and to increase our limits for the liability policy. These actions will result in a net increase in our insurance premium.

Judy Schwartz proposed six people for new members in the congregation, and these individuals were voted in by the Va'ad. In addition, Susan Unger presented a detailed report from the Fundraising Strategy Task Force. The report outlined our fundraising philosophy, gave historical summaries, discussed possible new fundraising techniques, and culminated with a fundraising action plan.

Continuing along the lines of fundraising, Tiela Chalmers was contacted by a company that markets discount coupon books. The cost to us will be set at a certain level, and the profit from the

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This is not the Entertainment Book. It is for dinners, but even more, it is for services which you use every day, such as car repair, haircutting, legal services, fitness centers, remodeling, painting, pet food, etc.

The Community Gift Certificate Book has been called the best of its kind. It sells for only \$20 and Sha'ar Zahav makes \$15 for each book sold. Use the handy order form below to order books for you and your friends. They make great Chanukah gifts! Take one to work and show it to your co-workers; the book will sell itself.

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Letter from Cambridge

Dear beloved CSZ friends and community,

After a whirlwind departure and arrival, we have settled in comfortably. Thank you for your many expressions of support before our departure. We are all busy—Adam at daycare, Dan at his writing, and I taking a full course load as well as working on several projects. The Harvard Judaica Library is exceptional and I have gotten happily lost inside for hours at a time. While I realize I will not finish all that I dreamed of during this short period, I have kept to my goal of being home every night; this has been a great blessing. We are looking forward to Pesach, our CSZ Israel trip and rejoining you at Shavu'ot.

Affectionately,
Yoel

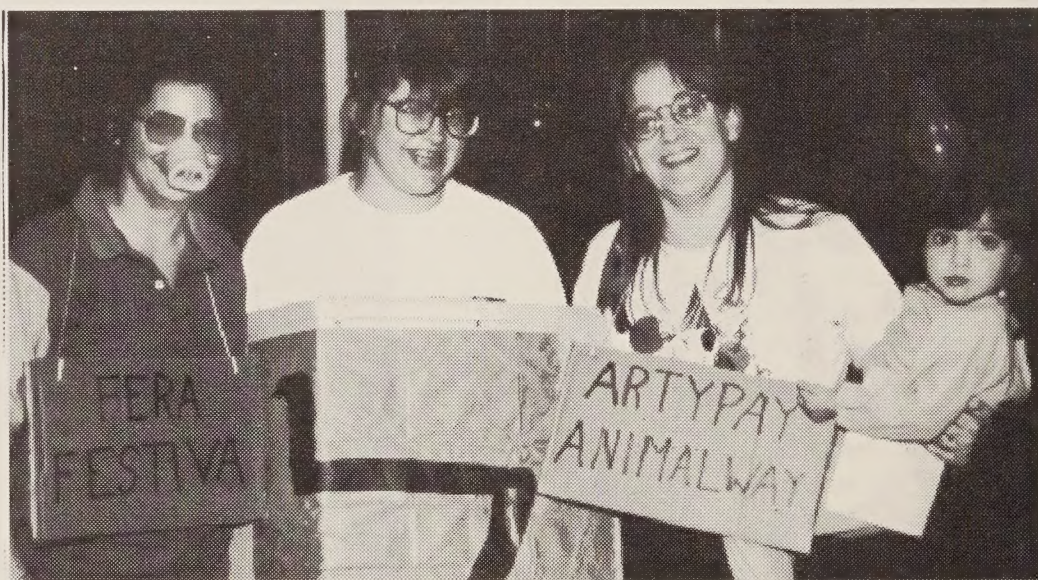
Israel's Gay and Lesbian Group Seeks Books and Videos

The Society For Protection of Personal Rights, Israel's gay, lesbian, and bisexual advocacy and social organization, could use our help.

Responding to an inquiry from the CSZ group travelling to Israel in May, the SPPR has asked us to bring books and videos (new or used) to help them stock their library in their new Tel Aviv community center. All types of books

and videos are desired including, of course, gay and lesbian material.

For the weeks leading up to the synagogue trip which departs May 3, there will be a collection box in the vestibule of the synagogue. If you have any books or videos to donate, please place them there by April 30. If you have any questions, please call Ron Lezell (626-5748). Thank you for your help.



East Bay Children's Shabbat

The April East Bay Children's Shabbat will be held Friday evening, April 9. Children, parents, and friends should gather at 925 Talbot Ave. in Albany beginning at 6:30 pm. Please bring a pesadich potluck main dish or side dish. Matzoh and drinks will be provided by the hostesses. For more information, call 510/525-5026 evenings. See you there!

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President's Column

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The UAHC Northern California Regional Biennial (my first) was exhilarating in other ways. Any of you who have attended professional conferences know the value of the sharing of ideas, the open addressing of common problems and concerns, the opportunity to measure oneself with one's colleagues, and the inspiration from organizational visionaries at the forefront of movements. This conference was no exception. Attended by about 300 people from northern California, the Biennial included 10 Sha'ar Zahavniks—in very visible positions. Everyone knew of us, and in fact, many of us either participated in or chaired panel discussions. Ron Lezell chaired a panel on current political and Reform movements in Israel, Allyce Kimmerling chaired one panel and participated in another on social action, and Tiela Chalmers chaired a panel on synagogue-Rabbi relations. Robin Leonard participated in a panel on Jewish ethics, Daniel Chesir on a panel concerned with bio-medical ethics, and I on one on development and training for board members.

All of us tried to attend panel discussions that would provide us with new ideas for our synagogue lives, as well as enhance our personal lives. Among the panels we attended were ones on dues and fundraising, "family" and life-long education, improving working relationships between professional and lay leadership, and the role of the non-Jew in the synagogue. A number of panels were of great personal edification. I attended one on caring for our aging parents; others attended panels on making room for Shabbat in our busy schedules, bio-medical ethics, and abuse in the Jewish family. We intend to further discuss some of the ideas that we gained from our attendance at these sessions, first at the President's Advisory Group, then the Va'ad, at Advances, and at the congregational level. I am sure that in our Sha'ar Zahav way, we will make good use of fresh ideas and put our own special stamp on them as we continue our development.

For me, the highlight of the Biennial weekend was the keynote address by Rabbi Eric Yoffie at the Saturday evening banquet. Rabbi Yoffie is the Director of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism. He spoke passionately about the dangers of the fundamentalist

religious movement. He cited explicitly and almost exclusively their current attacks on rights of homosexuals. He exhorted his audience of middle-class northern California Reform Jews to action, particularly to stand by "our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters" to fight this terrible assault on our rights. It was tremendously heartwarming to hear these words of acknowledgment and support. In little ways throughout the weekend, there had been recognition of our impact—speakers talking about "partners" instead of husbands or wives, inclusion of AIDS education, and mention of "gay" and "lesbian." But it gave me such pride knowing that at both the regional level and now at the national

level, we were so visible and our cause so heartfelt. And I knew that it was specifically Sha'ar Zahav as an organization and our outspoken, dynamic leaders such as Mike Rankin, who have brought the level of awareness and commitment of the Reform movement to where it is today.

Thus, as a synagogue, we may have refinements to make, new issues, policies, and procedures to explore and develop, but we also have much to teach and offer. Being a participant for change within our synagogue and, by extension, promoting our role in changing the face of Reform Judaism makes for a thrilling experience. I'm glad and grateful to be a part of what Sha'ar Zahav is and has to offer, and I recommend your involvement at such a level that you, too, can experience the satisfaction of experiencing the impact of being an agent for positive change.



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Megillah

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Personal thanks: to everyone who so graciously made my Zaide feel welcome at the party. You all reminded me again of why I am so proud to be a member of Sha'ar Zahav!

—Nathan Robinson, Coordinator



Women's Shabbat Dinner

Don't miss the next Shabbat Dinner, April 16 at 6:30 pm in the synagogue library. Sponsored by the Women's Chavurah, the Shabbat Dinners are held once a month and are a good way to get to know other women in the congregation and to catch up on activities of

the Women's Chavurah, including plans for the Women's Health Conference. To participate, call Audrey Adelson (510/849-3021) by Wednesday, April 14, to reserve your place. Price varies a bit so check with Audrey when you call.

Monday, April 12, 5:30–7:30 pm,
The City Club, 155 Sansome Street

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Condolences

To **Peter Altman** on the death of his friend Daniel Michael Ritter

To **Susan Stahl** on the death of her friend Michael Ritter

To **George Lucas** on the death of his brother Ron Lucas

To **Lyssa Friedman and Daphne Stuart** on the death of their friend John Callan

To **Steve Polsky** on the death of his grandmother Rachel Polsky

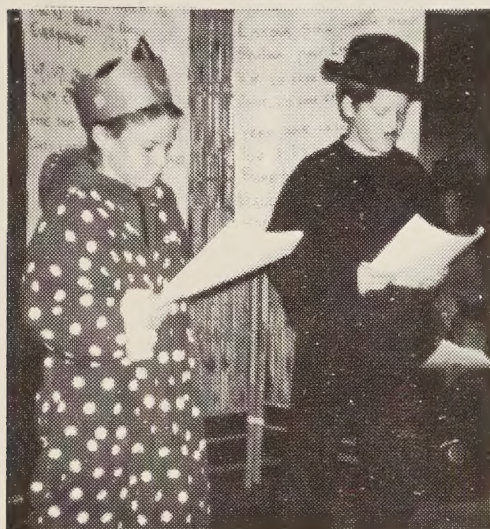
To **Nikki Bengal** on the death of her grandmother Amelia Schaeffer

To **Judy Macks** on the death of her mother Ruth Macks

To **Jonathan Pannor** on the death of his grandmother Anna Alpers

To **Mike Rankin** on the death of his cousin Mildred Becker

To **David Lester** on the death of his lover Richard Zanow



Naches

To **Jordan Berger** on being elected to the board of directors of Project Inform.

To **Daphne Stuart** for winning a Cable Car Award for hospice program development.

To **Mark Pressler** for having his poetry published in the NATA Journal, and, *A Question of Balance*.

To **Ruth Rainero and Pieter De Haan** on the birth of their son, Benjamin Rainero-De Haan.

Contributions

Sha'ar Zahav welcomes all contributions of all sizes to mark any event and to add to any of our funds. Contributions will be acknowledged in the *Forward* unless otherwise requested.

Donations were made to Sha'ar Zahav's funds in the past months by the following contributors:

Bikkur Cholim Fund

Sam Thal, in honor of Donna Rabinowitz's cheesecake

Chesir/Stein Music Fund

Betty Kalis and Marion Trentman, in honor of Dana Vinicoff's 40th birthday

General Fund

Ben Brody, in memory of his great aunt, Bertha Goldberg

David Weinstein, in honor of Michael Bell Shankman's Bar Mitzvah and to celebrate the life of his grandmother, Elizabeth Stern Shankman

Nancy Meyer and Marilyn O'Keeffe, in memory of Nancy's father, Henry Lutz Meyer

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Nancy Meyer's father, Eric Cooper-Keitel's father and George Lucas' brother

Carole Levine, in honor of CSZ's beautiful Shabbat services while she was visiting her daughter

Wait Leiss, in memory of Nathan Machtay

Russell Discher, in honor of the birth and good health of Reuban Issac Winters Raff

David Weinstein, in honor of the birth of Laura Regina Krieger

Neil Hart, in memory of his uncle, Samuel Feldman

Wait Leiss, in memory of Henry Lutz Meyer

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Sarah Hannaford

Judy Schwartz and Carolyn Pines, in honor of Nathan Robinson and the wonderful Purim party

Joel and Melody Funk, in honor of Jon Funk becoming a partner in his law firm

Sharyn Saslafsky and Catherine Dodd, in memory of Sarah Hannaford

Sharyn Saslafsky and Catherine Dodd, in memory of Henry Lutz Meyer

Lee Morrow, in memory of George Ash

Sharyn Saslafsky and Catherine Dodd, in honor of Jon Funk becoming a partner in his law firm

Sharyn Saslafsky and Catherine Dodd, in memory of Milton Keitel
Giuliano Nieri and Stanley Rutherford, in memory of Eleanor Issacson

Tiela Chalmers and Nancy Koch, in memory of Michael Wand's father

Sharyn Saslafsky and Catherine Dodd, with mazel tov to Roberta Achtenberg, Mary Morgan, and Benjie Morgan-Achtenberg

Prayerbook Fund

Marsha Blachman and Amy Gentile, in memory of Ruth Macks, mother of Judy Macks

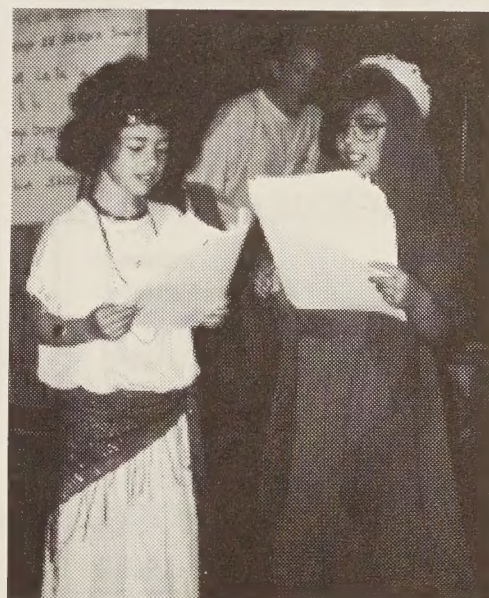
Susan Sobel-Feldman and Jeffrey Argentos, in honor of Eric Weiss and Dan Alpert's making a home together

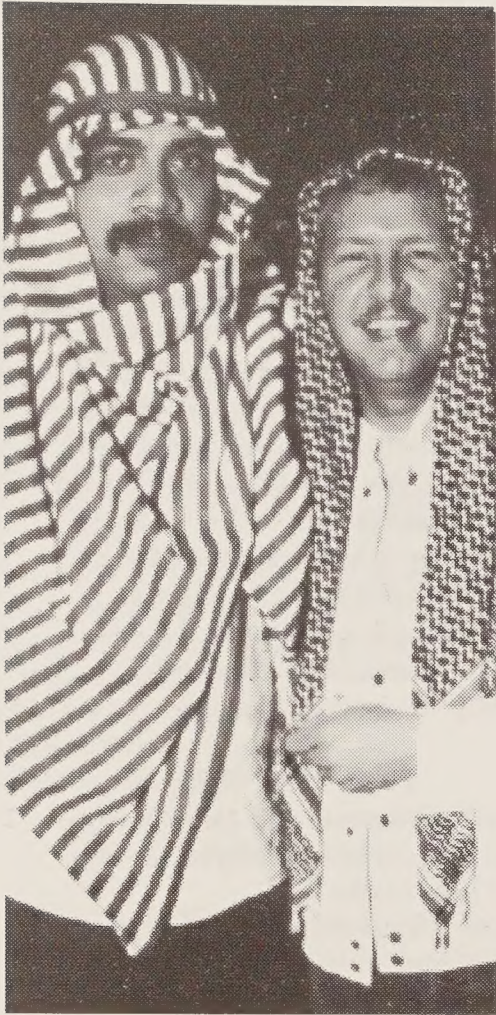
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Julie Fishman, in honor of Michelle Auerbach

Susan Sobel-Feldman and Jeffrey Argentos, in honor of the entry into the covenant of Adam David Bellm Kahn

Stacey Shuster and Joan Lefkowitz, in honor of Adam's adoption by Yoel and Dan



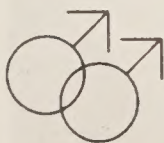


Oneg Sponsors

These generous people sponsored onegs in February and March:

- 2/26 Paul Cohen and Bob Gutterman, commemorating the yahrzeits of Bob's mother and Paul's father
- 3/5 Paul Nemrow and Jeff Foreman in honor of the 45th anniversary of Paul's parents
- 3/12 Mike Rankin in honor of Wayne Kreuscher

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Almost Parade Time

Gay pride is stronger than ever and San Francisco is the focal point. This year's Gay/Lesbian Pride Day Parade on June 27 promises to be the biggest ever. We now have a national administration that is friendly to gays and lesbians, so this is the year to show your pride. What better way to show that pride than marching with Sha'ar Zahav?

We want this to be the biggest contingent we've ever had, so we need your help. What do we need? We need you to march. It would be great if every marcher would wear a Sha'ar Zahav T-shirt (available at the CSZ gift shop) to really show our colors.

If you would like to help with planning, please call Mark in the office.

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Jim Cohen
Julie Dorf
Sarah E. Goodman
Clint Bigglestone
Ellen Litman
Lisa S.

We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

Va'ad

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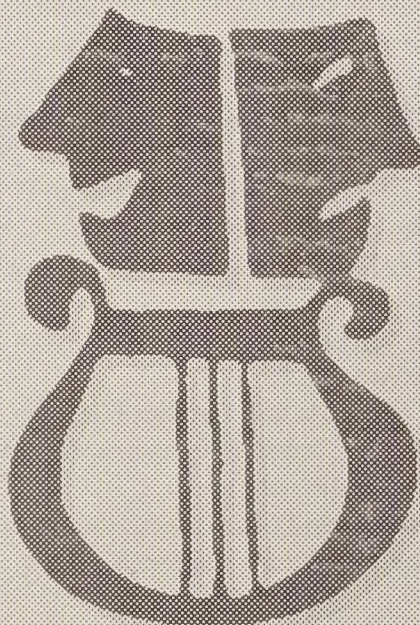
sales will go to the AIDS Emergency Fund and to the congregation. Orders will be taken both over the phone and at the gift shop during its regular hours. The books will also be advertised in the *Forward*.

The UAHC Biennial will be held in October in San Francisco. Daniel Chesir, Richard Inlander, and other members of the congregation will work on arranging a welcoming activity for the gay and lesbian delegates.

Although there were several other important issues on tap for discussion, the hour was late and the Va'ad adjourned at 10 pm with a *largetto* singing of Oseh Shalom.

—Mark Mackler, Recorder

West Bay Opera



Did you know the San Francisco Bay Area is home to one of the nation's oldest and most respected regional opera companies?

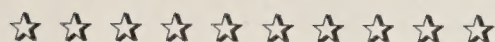
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Birthdays

- 1 Barney Ugarte
- 2 Victoria Berdon
- 3 Rachel Katz
- 5 Heather Fox
- 6 Roberta Weber
- 7 Gordon Osser
- 7 Judy Macks
- 10 Jared Goldfine
- 12 Devra Noily
- 12 Kathy Simon
- 13 Arthur Brendze
- 13 Richard Goldwasser
- 14 Lyssa Friedman
- 15 Susan Stahl
- 15 Luana Silverberg-Willis
- 16 Jeanette Nichols
- 17 Diana Buchbinder
- 18 Ethan Inlander
- 19 Martin Spector
- 19 Alita Rosenfeld
- 19 Sandy Meyers
- 20 Bill Ashley-Dobbin
- 20 Leonard Brill
- 22 Sandra Blair
- 23 Sara Haber
- 23 Eli Weinstein
- 23 Leslie Halpern
- 24 Susan Fraimow-Wong
- 24 Caroline Issacs
- 25 Brian Ellis
- 26 Andre Fournier
- 26 Sarah Comerchero
- 27 Judith Rosenberg
- 27 Bruce Friedman
- 27 Chris Camp
- 29 Shirley Liberman
- 30 Judith Klain



Thank You

The Kaiser Brunch Committee and its volunteers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Schoen of New York City for their generous donation to Sha'ar Zahav in appreciation of the food, music and attention provided by the committee.

Each month, in addition to patients and caregivers, the committee has welcomed friends and relatives who come from out of town to be with their loved ones.

—Allan Berenstein,
Kaiser Brunch Committee Chair

Synagogue Information

Rabbi Yoel Kahn (861-6932)

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President, Allan Gold (929-9524)
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Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair are invited to obtain his or her number from the synagogue office.

Office Hours: Monday–Friday from 9 am to 12:30 pm and 2 pm to 4:30 pm. Please call the synagogue office at 861-6932. Rabbi Kahn is on sabbatical until mid-May.

Emergency Number: In an emergency, the congregation can be contacted outside of office hours by calling 861-6938.

Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 am—check calendar for each month.

Gift Shop Hours: Fridays, 7:30–8:05 pm

Library Hours: Open during office hours, and 30 minutes before and after Friday night services.

Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Mike Rankin, Allyce Kimerling, Liaisons) and of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations (Marc Mencher, Liaison).

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav (Congregation of the Golden Gate) is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th and Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Stanyan to 18th and Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

Dr. Diane Sabin

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APRIL

ניסן-אייר

1 Thursday
10 Nisan
• 7 pm, Children's Education Meeting

2 Friday
11 Nisan
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service, Jonathan Comisar and Nina Wouk

3 Saturday
12 Nisan
• Kadimah Pesach Activity

4 Sunday
13 Nisan
• 11 am, Preschool Children's Chavurah Passover Celebration

5 Monday
14 Nisan
Passover—1st seder
Va'ad reports due in office
• 6 pm, Healing Service

6 Tuesday
15 Nisan
Passover—1st day
• Congregation Seder at Fort Mason
• Office Closed

7 Wednesday
16 Nisan
Passover—2nd day

8 Thursday
17 Nisan
Passover—3rd day

9 Friday
18 Nisan
Passover—4th day
• 6:30 pm, East Bay Children's Shabbat Pesach Potluck
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service, Linda Hirshhorn and Steve Weitz

10 Saturday
19 Nisan
Passover—5th day
• Bikkur Cholim visit to Board and Care Homes
• 10:30 am, Shabbat Service, Josh Lee and Frank Yellin

11 Sunday
20 Nisan
Passover—6th day

12 Monday
21 Nisan
Passover—7th day
• 6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting

13 Tuesday
22 Nisan
Passover—last day

14 Wednesday
23 Nisan
• 7 pm, Newsletter editing

15 Thursday
24 Nisan
• 7 pm, Bikkur Cholim

16 Friday
25 Nisan
• 6:30 pm, Women's Chavurah Shabbat Dinner
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service, Kathy Simon and Jody Reiss
• 8:15 pm, East Bay Service, Larry Wexler

17 Saturday
26 Nisan
• 9:30 am, Kadimah

18 Sunday
27 Nisan
Yom ha-Shoah

19 Monday
28 Nisan
• 7 pm, Newsletter proofreading/layout

20 Tuesday
29 Nisan

21 Wednesday
30 Nisan

22 Thursday
1 Iyyar
• 6:30 pm, Ritual meeting

23 Friday
2 Iyyar
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service, Lyssa Friedman and Ora Prochovnick

24 Saturday
3 Iyyar
• 9:30 am, Kadimah

25 Sunday
4 Iyyar
• 10:30 am, Kaiser Brunch

26 Monday
5 Iyyar
Yom ha-Atzma'ut

27 Tuesday
6 Iyyar

28 Wednesday
7 Iyyar

29 Thursday
8 Iyyar
• 7 pm, Newsletter distribution

30 Friday
9 Iyyar
• Deadline to donate books for Israeli Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual group
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service, Andy Ingall and Jonathan Comisar

Note: Gray areas indicate religious services.

DEADLINE

The deadline for all submissions to the May *Gaily Forward* is

Monday, April 12

No late submissions will be published without a deadline extension arranged in advance with the newsletter chair. Any CSZ member is welcome to submit articles of interest to our readership. Please type and double-space your articles. You may mail or fax (861-6081) your material to CSZ, Attn: *Gaily Forward*.

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- 5/21 Ida Kuluk's, 4042 Maple St., Oakland, 510/530-4673
- 6/18 Shelly Spiro and Gabrielle Kassner's, 2431 Burlington, Oakland, 510/482-5967